

## House Resolution 431

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Petrea of the 166<sup>th</sup>, Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, and Gordon of the 163<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
2 General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand Marshal of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day  
3 Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr., on the upcoming occasion of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day  
4 Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 195th  
6 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful and historic city with  
7 proud Irish roots; and

8 WHEREAS, this celebration was begun in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah,  
9 which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this  
11 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has  
12 carried on the tradition for the past 93 years; and

13 WHEREAS, according to one of Ireland's former Prime Ministers, "Ireland is where tales  
14 begin and happy endings are possible," and the same holds true for the enchanting City of  
15 Savannah; and

16 WHEREAS, it is due to the selfless dedication of the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade  
17 Committee that this event has become a popular celebration and that Georgia can be proud  
18 to welcome visitors from all over the nation and the world to this successful annual tradition;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, among the largest Irish celebrations in the nation, the St. Patrick's Day Parade  
21 is held in the lovely Savannah historic district and is always a joyous and meaningful  
22 occasion for the citizens of Chatham County and the State of Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 this body recognizes and commends the members of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade  
25 Committee, General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand Marshal of the 2019 St.  
26 Patrick's Day Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr., for their tireless efforts and great work  
27 in organizing the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important contributions  
28 to their community and state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 2019 St. Patrick's Day Committee, General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand  
32 Marshal of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr.